southern Orissa to the State capital Bhubansewar; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to introduce the new train?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

New rail lines in Orissa

2432. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received the request from the State Government of Orissa to undertake survey of two new rail lines (1) Jayepore to-Malkanagiri and (2) Baragarh to Raipur; and

(b) if so, what action is being taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In view of severe constraint of resources for ongoing projects, survey of the suggested new rail lines has not been taken in hand.

Priority to on-going Rail Projects

2433. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railway Board has accorded any priority to the on-going projects in the country for their early completion in the Seventh Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, the names of such new rail lines which are under construction, zone-wise, alongwith the estimated cost, length in kilometers and target date for completion; and

(c) if the naswer to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) Details of the cost and length, etc. of the on-going new rail lines are furnished in the Pink Book and Explanatory Memorandum forming part of the Railway Budget Documents. Priority is given to specific projects to serve major Industrial projects, strategic and operational needs. Priority is also given to new lines in North Eastern region. Completion of some New Lines in Seventh Plan will depend on the allocation of funds by the Planning Commission in Annual Plans.

काशी, काठमांडू तथा रामेश्वरम् आने वाले भक्तों के लिए विमान सेवाएं

2434. **डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय** : क्या नागर विमानन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इस वर्ष महाशिवरात्रि के अवसर पर काशी, काठमांडू तथा रामेश्वरम् आने वाले भक्तों की हवाई-यात्रा के लिए क्या विशेष प्रबन्ध किए गए थे ;

(ख) पिछले तीन वर्षों की तुलना में, इस वर्ष इस रूट पर कितने अधिक यात्रियों का आवागमन हुआ ; और

(ग) इस रूट पर यात्रियों की संख्या में वृद्धि को ध्यान में रखते हुए, क्या आगामी वर्ष के लिए सेवा में सुधार के लिए कोई योजना सुझाई गई है ?

नागर विमानन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाईटलर) : (क) इन मार्गों पर यदि आवश्यकता पड़ती अतिरिक्त उड़ानों के परिचालन करने के लिए इंडियन एयरलाइन्स ने पर्याप्त मात्रा में विमान तैयार रखे हुए थे ।

(ख) वर्तमान वर्ष 1986–87 के दौरान लाए-ले जाए गए यात्रियों की संख्या के बारे में आकड़े अभी उपलब्ध नहीं हुए हैं । इसलिए हवाई ट्रैफिक की तुलना करना संभव न हीं है ।